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President Robb Pitts and Atlanta City Councilmembers City Hall, Suite 2900 55 Trinity Avenue Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Re: Appointment to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)

Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Juanita Jones Abernathy to serve as a member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Board of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of four (4) years**.

I am confident that Mrs. Abernathy will serve MARTA and the City of Atlanta with distinction.

We respectfully urge your confirmation of this appointment

Bill Campbell

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A native of Uniontown, Alabama, Juanita J. Abernathy is the youngest of eight children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jones, Sr. She received both her elementary and high school education at Selma University, a boarding school in Selma, Alabama.

Mrs. Abernathy continued her education at Tennessee State University by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education.

A former high school teacher specializing in a business curriculum, Mrs.

Abernathy's business acumen has yielded her success in numerous entrepreneurial ventures. She rose to become Senior Sales Director in Mary Kay Cosmetic and successfully maintained a top position in the corporation for many years. As wife and widow of the late Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, she became pivotally involved in the civil rights movement at its inception in 1955 and has traveled around the world working for justice and equality throughout her life. Mrs. Abernathy is affiliated with numerous civic and religious organizations: Board of Trustees, Morehouse School of Religion;

Board member, Fulton County Development Authority; Board Member, Ralph David Abernathy Tower; former Board Member, The Friends School of Atlanta. Mrs.

Abernathy, mother of four and grandmother of four, currently serves as the President and CEO of the Ralph David Abernathy Foundation.

Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy, a dynamic motivational speaker, has spoken for audiences across the world covering religious, civic, educational, and business themes. Her work and sacrifices throughout the revolutionary civil rights movement have inextricably connected her to a life long struggle in pursuit of human rights and peace around the world.